

Application No.:09/853,005

Docket No.: JCLA5312

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 24, 2004, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-9 and all limitations of claim 11 have been combined into claim 10. Accordingly, Claims 10 and 12-16 remain pending in the present application.

The Office Action has indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Office Action further indicated that claims 14-16 were allowed. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowable subject matter.

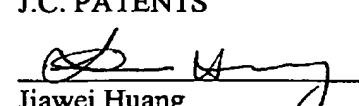
Claims 1-9 are cancelled and the rejections addressed thereto are moot. Allowed subject matters of claim 11 are introduced into claim 10 and claim 10 is believed to be allowable. Dependent claims 12-13 are also allowable.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the remaining claims 10 and 12-16 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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